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The Leading Dry Goods and Clothing
House in Central Illinois.

In every community, in every state, and in every nation, from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," there are, and ever have been, men who were looked upon and recognized as leaders; men who embodied wisdom, energy, perseverance, and courage equal to their day and generation, and as in politics, or in social life, so it is in the business world everywhere. There is no town, nor city, nor section of country, but has its business man or firm to whom and upon whom the people—and not only the masses, but business men as well—intuitively look as leading characters, unswerving and possessed of the wisdom, shrewdness, and sound judgment which are certain to attain success in whatever business or pursuit they may be engaged. Such men and such firms make our towns and cities, giving an impetus to business, promoting their growth and importance, and benefiting alike every class of citizens. Such a firm as that of

LINN & SCRUGGS.
Their business tact and enterprise is known and recognized throughout Central Illinois, and their trade extends over many counties—their order department alone claiming the entire time of several clerks and assistants. They, like Decatur what A. T. Stewart, in his palmist days, was to New York.

A visit to their mammoth establishment well repays the time. The stock they display is immense, and the system which their business is conducted on is admirable. The great store is now in holiday attire. On entering, the brilliantly bedecked gents' furnishing department is on your right. Here many novelties are found, not to be seen anywhere else in this section. A line of fine leather toilet cases, leather and collar boxes, etc., are here presented, and are very much admired, while everything in the furnishing line is there of the finest quality and in the greatest variety. This department is presided over by Messrs. J. B. Dinges and Elmer Grove.

On your left is the
NOTION DEPARTMENT,
finely trimmed, and much more tastefully arranged than last year. Over this department, and near the main entrance is a handsome obelisk several feet high and well formed, and composed of some fifty thousand pearl buttons, which glitter in the gaslight and present a pretty sight. This department is in charge of Messrs. M. J. Malone and Harry Snarr.

We next come to the
SILK AND LACE
Department, where the ladies mostly congregate, and where a display is made that would do credit to the largest houses in any metropolis. The stock is large, and embraces the finest silks, satins, plushes, etc., while everything under the heading of laces, such as lace handkerchiefs, collars, etc., are found in profusion from fine to the very finest. The attraction in this department is great, as verified by the throngs that frequent its counters day after day. Messrs. J. W. Clugston and H. J. Heimer are in charge here.

Immediately opposite the silk and lace department is that of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRESS GOODS.
Embracing among others an elegant line of Cashmeres, Biaritz, Tricots, Anninos, Primella Cloth, Ottomans, Diagonals and Satens. This branch of the store is conducted by Messrs. James Carroll, C. A. Kimber and S. P. Moore.

On the north side of the spacious store is the tastefully arranged
HOLIDAY AND CHRIST
Department. It also is in holiday dress, and a stocking welcome to all spend its time here. It is in keeping with the rest of the grand establishment, and no higher compliment could be paid it were we to write a volume as large as an average Chinese novel. Messrs. Harry W. Bartholomew and H. C. Andrus preside over this department.

THE
WOOLLEN GOODS
Department now claims the attention of the visitor. Its ample shelves contain everything usually found under the name of woolen goods, and embraces many new and novel styles. It is a large and comfortable department, and a most wide and well-stocked for season's clothing, etc. Here you will find a vast variety of Zephyr, Cashmere, Saxony and Glen Headen Yarns, knitting Goods, etc. Messrs. E. W. Wilson and J. H. Clugston are in charge of this department.

THE
HOLIDAY DEPARTMENT
This embraces everything and anything in the line of shoes and children's shoes, rubber shoes, sacques, leggings, waists, coats, etc. Mr. Frank Webb has charge of this department. And now the visitor passes to the domestic and house furnishing department, where can be seen the most complete stock of fine table linens, towels, napkins, etc., in every style, size, quality and price. Messrs. L. N. Martin, Jr. and Henry Boston do the honors in this department.

The two last named departments are spanned by the modern of the Great East River Bridge, with its freight and passenger trains and pas-

sing pedestrians. The bridge is lighted by a row of gas lamps at regular intervals, and the effect is admirable. Before leaving this department the visitor can get a smile to span his countenance, on looking up a specimen of

HOLIDAY ADORNMENT
That is decidedly novel. Over the shelving is a large-sized hen-house, upon which a burglar has been perched by a stalwart Senegambian. The squalling of Mrs. Hen has aroused the Liberman owner of the henery, who with shot gun in hand, and grating his teeth presents arms as Sambo emerges from the small window. He has down a live hen and sets down his hat full of eggs, and with the fear born of guilt and detection is made to exclaim: "If dese are yours, boss, you can have 'em." Beside the irate owner of the poultry house, in her ascension robes, stands his wife, lamp in hand, and a countenance leading materially to the realistic scene, which alone is worth a visit to the establishment of Messrs. Linn & Scruggs.

THE
CLOAK ROOM
is next in order, and will well repay a visit. Here are ladies' sacks from the finest and most elegant seal skin down, with Russian circulars, Brocade velvet mantillas and children's cloaks for all ages from four to sixteen years. The stock also embraces fine Broche and other styles of shawls, in endless variety, and the finest in the land. The honors of this department are borne by Thos. Hayes, C. F. Musser and W. H. Boyd.

THE CARPET DEPARTMENT
Is elaborate, spacious, and attractive, the stock embracing all the latest styles and best quality of Brussels, Axminster, Welton, Ingrain, etc., also rugs, mats, window shades and curtains, and any and everything usually found in a first class carpet house. This stock, like that of every other department, must be seen to be appreciated. This department is in charge of Messrs. John S. Luthy and A. L. Brockway.

But you must not forget to take a look at

SANTA CLAUS

And his tandem team of reindeer. It is very finely gotten up and well calculated to please the visitor of tender years.

Of the immense army of employees, whose popularity and efficiency contribute largely to the business success of the house, we beg leave to name Mr. L. Westermann, manager; Mr. W. S. Grubbs, book-keeper; Mr. Will Loughbom, cashier; Mr. Chas. Packard, generalissimo; T. H. B. Blackstone floor-manager, and F. W. Wismer in charge of the order department. The wrapping department is entrusted to Messrs. D. A. Strader and Thomas Wilson. Numerous cash boys and assistants complete the working force of this immense business establishment.

The proprietors, Messrs. Linn & Scruggs, are well known throughout the country as men of the strictest integrity and most eminent business ability and enterprise. Their word is a sufficient guarantee that anything sold by them is exactly as represented, and fair dealing, courtesy to customers, and a persistent effort to please has given them a trade not exceeded by any house of its class in America. Give them a call when in want of anything in their line, and you will get the best of goods at lowest prices.

E. W. Shively, Decatur's Principal Artist.

The invention of the illustrious Daguerre has created an industry in all parts of the civilized world, and in no country is it pursued with greater artistic skill than in our own land. The "Tower Art Gallery" of Decatur is one of its leading institutions, being controlled by Mr. E. W. Shively, an artist of extended experience and recognized skill. As an artist in photography and crayon portraiture, he produces work that will compare with the best in softness of tone and perfection of finish. The appointments of his gallery are perfect to produce flawless results, in the way of scenic backgrounds, perfect lights, and modern appliances generally, for the execution of photographic work in all its branches. All kinds of work connected with photography art is promptly done here, including work in crayon, pastel, India ink, water colors and oil.

Mr. Shively makes a leading specialty of enlarging, in which respect he is transacting a large business, and for good results produced he has no superior in this line. His rooms are elegantly arranged and containing beside a large assortment of frames, some elegant specimens of art produced by this gallery. The operating room is especially arranged for producing only first class work by the dry plate or instantaneous process. Mr. Shively established his business in this city in 1879 in a small way, but constant increasing demand necessitated an enlargement, and in 1883 he took possession of his present large and elegant quarters. Employment is furnished five assistants and a trade is transacted throughout Central Illinois.

Mr. Shively has made a study of photography for over 10 years, deriving his present perfection in the art from close application and instructions under the best masters.

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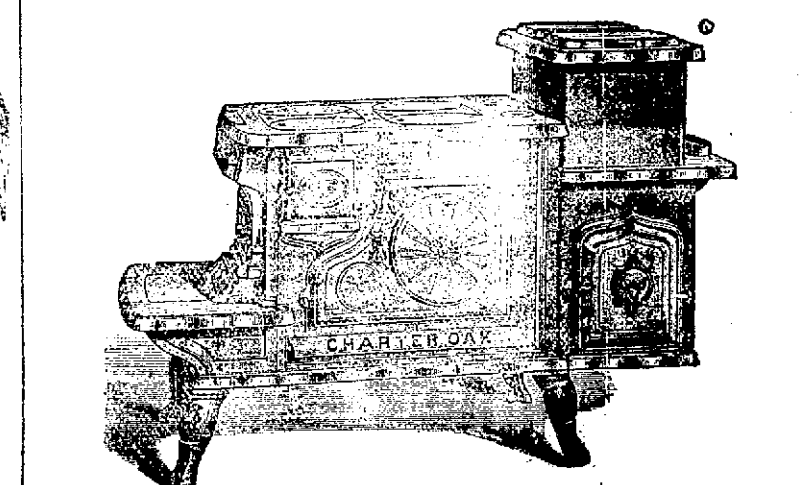
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The above cut represents the grand yearling Short-Horn steer SCRATCH slaughtered by us last year. This year for our Holiday trade, we have four choice cattle, the principal one of which is an imported four-year-old

Polled Angus Heifer,
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